

WVCW expecting good reception for first spring benefit concert

Proceeds earmarked for transmitter

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The end of the spring semester is coming and things are definitely warming up. WVCW found a better way to welcome the "sa-weet" summertime than with the traditional stress and anxiety of finals. They're giving VCU a weekend of musical entertainment.

WVCW, VCU's student radio station, will sponsor the Spring Musicfest Broadcast Benefit on April 29 and 30 at Twisters, 929 W. Grace St.

Performances on Friday will begin at 8 p.m., last until 2 a.m. and will include: Tripp Thugs, The Petals, Almighty Shuhorn, Pandaora's Lunchbox, Bent and special guests the Fleshtones.

Saturday's performances will begin at 2 p.m., last until 2 a.m. and feature: Latent Image, Totem Head, Lazy Cain, Blotto Diablo, Fulflej, Bucket, The Seymores, Carmine and Pop Gun.

Crystal Lemons, WVCW's music director and promotions coordinator, said proceeds from the event will help the station purchase a transmitter.

"Right now, we are limited to carrier current and continental cable FM, cable radio," she said. "We want a full FM wavelength, which will give us the ability to broadcast into the community, so we're trying to raise money."

Lemons said the transmitter will help WVCW show the surrounding community what the station can do.

She also said the station wants to help promote the local bands that will be performing.

"Most of the bands voluntarily joined (the event)," Lemons said. "Others like Pop Gun and Carmine are just doing it for gas money."

WVCW first planned to hold a musicfest next fall, Lemons said, "but Steve Douglas of Twisters approached us and offered us the place and the proceeds, so we decided to have it before the summer."